



## State Representative William A. Hamzy

Dear Friends,

The 2006 legislative session was a beneficial one for the 78th District.

Annual state grant totals (which include state funding for town road maintenance and aid to local schools) for Bristol and Plymouth are up from last year.

Total annual state grants for **Bristol** amount to \$39,811,154 for the 2006 - 07 fiscal year, for **an increase of \$836,524** over the 2005 - 06 total of \$38,974,630.

**Plymouth's** total annual state grants for 2006 - 07 amount to \$9,332,230, for **an increase of \$154,217** over the town's 2005 - 06 total of \$9,178,013.

Funding for projects in the 78th District also was approved, including:

- **Two grants totaling \$700,000** to pay for the construction of a water booster pump station at the Plymouth Business Park. The project will enhance the business park's marketability to potential employers and create more jobs.
- **\$15,000** to finance various alterations and improvements at the Bristol Technical Education Center.
- **A \$350,000 grant** to help pay for the restoration of the historic Eli Terry water wheel and generator off Route 6 in Terryville.
- **A \$5,000 grant** that will help pay for an historic resources survey that will identify, map and document historically significant sites and structures in Plymouth.

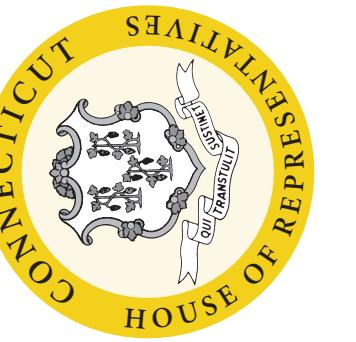
Thank you for the honor and privilege of representing you at the Connecticut General Assembly in Hartford.

Sincerely,



Representative Hamzy with Christopher Fryxell, his legislative intern for the 2006 General Assembly session, on the floor of the state House of Representatives. Fryxell, of Windsor graduated from Trinity College this spring.

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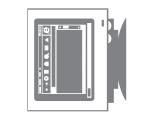
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# 2006 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



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**Representative Hamzy researches a bill on his computer during a recess on the floor of the State House during the 2006 legislative session.**



## **PROTECTING YOUR INTERESTS**

During the 2006 session, as always, I worked on behalf of the 78th District's families, children, seniors and taxpayers. I supported measures to spur economic growth, create jobs, preserve the environment, and protect consumers.

### **Creating More Jobs**

Connecticut still lags behind most other states in economic growth and job creation. To help rectify that situation, I cosponsored a law that exempts machinery and equipment from the property tax to help our struggling manufacturers, and provides tax credits to encourage film production, which will help create thousands of new jobs in our state.

### **Fostering Technological Innovation**

I supported legislation to promote research in the growing field of nanotechnology, a branch of engineering that deals with extremely small electronic circuits and mechanical devices designed and manufactured at the molecular level.

### **Nurturing Microbusinesses and New Companies**

Under an act I cosponsored, the state will provide matching financial assistance for micro-businesses that receive funding through two federal programs, and venture capital for newly-established or expanding businesses that are in the early stages of developing new products and processes.

### **Office of the Business Advocate**

An Office of the Business Advocate was established under a law I cosponsored. The office will contact micro and small businesses that could benefit from business assistance programs, provide information about the programs, and help businesses access them.

### **Encouraging Math and Science Proficiency**

I cosponsored legislation that creates three pilot programs for certain teenage students to help them attain proficiency in mathematics and science and to prepare them for future employment with technology-based companies in Connecticut.

### **Recruiting the Best and the Brightest**

I cosponsored an act that establishes a program to recruit eminent faculty and their research staff to the University of Connecticut and creates grant programs to repay student loans for engineers and people who hold specific doctoral degrees.

### **Cleaning Up 'Brownfields'**

I voted for a law creating an Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development to help towns identify, clean up, and redevelop brownfield sites. The act also establishes a program to designate four towns where contaminated properties hinder economic development and fund remediation projects that would significantly benefit those communities.

### **Encroachment on Open Space Land**

To help preserve undeveloped acreage in Connecticut, I supported an act that prohibits anyone from encroaching on open space land owned by the state or a nonprofit land conservation organization without permission or legal authorization.

### **Curbing Underage Drinking**

To reduce underage drinking and help prevent serious or fatal accidents, I voted for a law that makes it illegal for parents or other adults to host parties where the consumption of alcoholic beverages by teenagers is tolerated.

### **Fighting Drunk Driving**

To help ensure convictions of drunk drivers involved in serious or fatal accidents, I supported an act that requires blood or breath samples to be taken from surviving drivers if police have good reason to believe they were under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

### **Property Tax Relief for Seniors**

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**Representative Hamzy tours the White House during a visit to our nation's capitol last December. Former President Ronald Reagan's official portrait hangs on the wall behind Representative Hamzy.**

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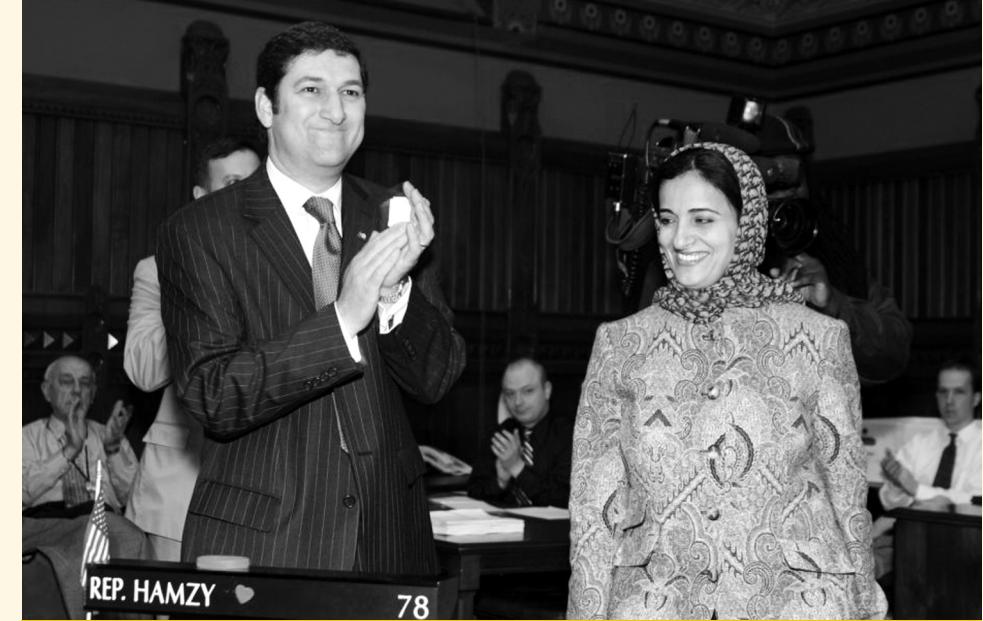
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Rep. Hamzy and other legislators welcome Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi, the United Arab Emirates' Minister of Economy & Planning, to the state House of Representatives. Sheikha Lubna visited the capitol in April to promote economic and cultural relations between Connecticut and the UAE.

### **Breast Cancer Screening**

I voted for a law to require insurers to provide added coverage for breast cancer screening if a woman is considered to be at increased risk for breast cancer because of family history, her prior breast cancer history or other indications determined by her physician.

### **Testing for Children with Cancer**

Health insurers and the HUSKY Plan are required to cover testing ordered by physicians for children with cancer to assess the extent to which chemotherapy or radiation treatment has caused cognitive or developmental problems under an act I supported.

### **Supporting National Guard Members**

I cosponsored a law that gives National Guard members ordered into active state service (such as riot control and disaster response) the more extensive civil and employment protections enjoyed by federal armed service members.

### **Helping Disabled Veterans**

Veterans' disability payments will be excluded in the calculation of income to determine eligibility for income-based property tax exemptions under a law I cosponsored.

### **Honoring Our War Dead**

I cosponsored an act that requires both the state and national flags to be flown at half-staff (whenever the governor orders the state flag to be flown at half-staff) for the same amount of time to honor members of the armed services who die in the line of duty.

### **State Budget**

The 2006-07 budget increases the tax credit property owners can take to reduce their state income tax liability to \$500 for the 2006 tax year, repeals the 15 percent corporate income tax surcharge and makes prudent use of the state surplus. I supported the budget because it is fiscally responsible and will help stimulate economic growth and create jobs.